

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending and will remain in the application after this amendment. Applicants thank the Patent Office for the allowance of Claims 2-8, 10-13 and 15-20. Claim 15 has been amended to be in independent form.

Claims 1, 9 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Eto (6,037,813). The Office Action states the "analog control signal" in Claim 1 is "seen as the output of [shift register] 205" in Fig. 2 of Eto. Col. 5, lines 9-41 and col. 6, line 30 to col. 7, line 44 of Eto describe the shift register 205 with reference to Figs. 2 and 4. Eto states the shift register 205 generates "HIGH" or "LOW" "signals p(1) through p(n)." Col. 6, lines 30-65. These are, therefore, digital signals. Eto does not disclose a delay lock loop circuit generating an "analog control signal" (emphasis added), as in Claims 1, 9 and 14.

In addition, Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include "a circuit coupled to the delay lock loop circuit and the delay circuit, the circuit being operable to receive (a) a data signal, (b) a first delayed clock signal from the delay lock loop circuit, and (c) a second delayed clock signal from the delay circuit to process a data signal." The "circuit" is supported by Fig. 2 and page 4 of the specification. Eto does not disclose the above "circuit" receiving the first and second delayed clock signals of amended Claims 1 and 9. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 9 are allowable over Eto.

Claim 14 has been amended to include "receiving (a) a first delayed clock signal from the delay lock loop circuit and (b) a second delayed clock signal from the delay circuit to process a data signal." Amended Claim 14 is supported by Fig. 2 and page

4 of the specification. Eto does not disclose "receiving (a) a first delayed clock signal from the delay lock loop circuit and (b) a second delayed clock signal from the delay circuit to process a data signal" of amended Claim 14. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 14 is allowable over Eto.

Claim 11 has been amended to insert missing words. Amended Claim 11 is supported by Fig. 2 and page 4, lines 18-20 of the description. No new matter was added.

Applicants respectfully request that all Claims be allowed. A check for \$84 for the extra independent claim fee is attached. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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